(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): (a) and (b) To protect against ill-effect due to imbalanced use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, the Government propagates Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), which includes soil test based judicious use of chemical fertilizers in conjuction with organic manures and bio-fertilizers. The Government promotes organic farming which emphasizes the use of organic source of nutrients like farmyard manure, compost and bio-fertilizers.

The Government also promotes Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which aims at controlling pests by employing all available alternate pest control methods and techniques such as cultural, mechanical and biological control with emphasis on use of bio-pesticides and pesticides of plant origin like Neem formulations.

Drugs under DPCO

*434. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Supreme Court had ordered Government to submit fresh list of drugs to be kept under price control by 15th June, 2003; and

(b) if so, whether Government have submitted the list containing names of drugs?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA):(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a), as above.

Poultry production

*436. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that chicken and egg production in the country is decreasing alarmingly;

(b) if so, the details of their production during the last three years